



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, the Be Ready Utah public outreach campaign was created in 2006 following the devastating floods in southern Utah and the even greater disaster of Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast;

Whereas, the Be Ready Utah Program has operated for the past ten years under the Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, educating and encouraging Utah residents to "Make a Plan, Get a Kit, Be Informed and Get Involved," leading people to take action and create family disaster plans and build disaster supply kits;

Whereas, the Be Ready Utah staff continues to reach thousands of people across the state every year through hundreds of emergency preparedness presentations and fairs, BeReadyUtah.gov web site, social media, the Great Utah ShakeOut drill and through the distribution of tens of thousands of informative emergency preparedness booklets, brochures, and other education tools;

Whereas, the risk of natural and technological hazards remains high in Utah, particularly with regard to floods, wildfires, storms, and earthquakes, and the need for emergency preparedness is still great; and

Whereas, investments in disaster preparedness and mitigation lessen suffering, and save money, time, and efforts in emergency response,

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare April 4-8, 2016, as

Be Ready Utah Week

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor